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189 Welch Avenue

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Battle Creek, Mich.

<b>ALICE MAY</b> (I. D.) Bloom 12x8. This pure waxy white flower is rightly called a "White Lord of Autumn." This tremendous bloom is beautifully formed. ....	Roots	.75	
<b>ARTHUR GODFREY</b> (Pitt-Dahl 86A), 1951, Bloom 12 x 6, Bush 4 ft. A success all over this country and abroad, especially for its immense size and is a real winner in the largest bloom class. The name pleased its owner and did much toward gaining such high recognition. A beautiful Orient red with orange or buff shadings. On 3 Honor Rolls, and certified at Atlanta and Rutgers. Grows 11 x 6 not disbudded in ordinary field culture. Wonderful vitality, rugged foliage, and blooms from early to late. ....	Root	1.00	
<b>AUTUMN BLAZE</b> A-ID-BI (Johnson) 1948. This variety is fiery red early in the season; later, it is red centered with shades of gold toward the ends of the petals, a very striking color combination. The large, deep blooms are "at home" in the big bloom classes. Size 11x6. ....	Root	1.00	
<b>AVALON</b> —Informal Decorative. Clear canary yellow of cut flower size. We cut four to six-foot stems last season which held the bloom erect. Late in the season it is a wonderful dahlia. ....	Root	.50	
<b>ALL AMERICAN</b> (S.C.) A large mulberry rose with a slight yellow at base of petals. The deep flowers are very attractive on stiff stems. ....		.75	
<b>BEAUTIFUL LADY</b> (Formal Decorative). Bright lemon yellow. 8-10 inch blooms, good stems, bush 5-6 feet tall. Rugged grower, insect resistant foliage, profuse and early. A good root maker and they keep well. Scored 84 at East Lansing. ....	Root	1.00	
<b>BLUE RIVER</b> (Sal 85A), Bloom 9 x 3, Bush 4 ft. Soft phlox purple or bluish mauve. Fine bush and strong foliage. Distinctive in color and popular. Has won many prizes. ....	Root	.75	
<b>CALIFORNIA IDOL</b> (I. D.) The best yellow dahlia introduced in 1935. Huge blooms on the best of stems. Winner of many prizes during the past season and surely a winner again this season in the giant bloom classes. ....	Root	.75	
<b>CALIFORNIA PAGEANT</b> (Bal 85A), M, Bloom 12x8, Bush 5 ft. Light chrome yellow with Mars orange suffusion at center. It just naturally grows big. ....	Root	1.25	
<b>CHEROKEE BRAVE</b> (Ricks-Dahl 86A), Bloom 11 x 6, Bush 5 1/2 ft. Blooms are a rich oxblood red shaded Tyrian purple at times, that hold their color well in the sun. Does well everywhere and is still considered an outstanding red. The blooms grow naturally to extra large size. One of our best introductions. Bush growth strong and foliage heavy. Award of Honor, Ga. ....	Root	1.00	
<b>CLASS</b> (F. D.) One of the largest sulphur yellow formal decorative dahlias to date. Grown up to 15 inches, petals fall back toward stem when fully out. Strong, straight stems hold flowers directly on top. Bush rugged. ....	Roots	1.00	
<b>COMMANDO</b> (F. D., 1943) Golden Rule. A clear shade of lavender or true phlox purple and very bright. Large clean flowers from 10 to 14 inches and held on long stiff stems ....	Root	.50	
<b>COMMODORE</b> (D.) Very large canary yellow. One of the largest. A good grower worth much more than the price charged. ....	Root	.50	
<b>CARL G. DAHL</b> (I. D.) Color emberglow with golden sheen and a sweet brier reverse. Healthy bush; height about 5 1/2 feet; insect resistant; blooms from early summer till frost; blooms 11 to 14 inches; a Dahlia to make you proud of your garden. ....	Root	.75	
<b>D-DAY</b> (Dec.) Bloom 7 x 4, bush 4 1/2 ft. A very pretty one-tone bright rose or rhodamine pink. Has cane-like stems, is prolific, and fine for florists' use. As a cut flower we have more demand for this in our Battle Creek market than for Jersey Beauty. On the Honor Roll. ....	Root	.75	
<b>DADDY KEMP</b> (Dec.) Mighty large Reddish Purple. Back with us again after several years, easily grown to 14 inches. A sensation in the garden, strong grower. ....	Roots	.75	
<b>DEUIL DU ROI ALBERT</b> (Bel 84B), FD, E, Bloom 6x4, Bush 3 1/2 ft. An outstanding bi-color of orchid or petunia purple tipped white. A very early and incessant bloomer. ....	Root	.75	
<b>ELLINOR VAN DER VEER</b> (D) Glowing rose pink. Much like Mrs. I. D. Ver Warner. Very good grower blooms. Large. ....	Special Roots, Each	.40	
<b>FIVE STAR GENERAL</b> , Bloom 10x7, Bush 5 ft. A most pleasing blend of light amaranth pink edged and shaded soft canary yellow. One of the very best and largest for exhibition. Consistent bloomer. Derrill Hart Medal Winner certifying at 3 Trial Grounds. ....	Root	.75	
<b>FOREST FIRE</b> (Dahliadel, 1935), I. D. The most "different" and for that reason the most distinctive of all the novelties. A brilliant scarlet flame with blushes of yellow; yellow petaloids. ....	Roots	.75	
<b>GLAMOUR, I. D.</b> An immense true purple with each petal edged Amaranth pink. Looks like a pink one in the show room. Long strong stems and has been grown to 14 inches. Winner at Cleveland and the American Home Achievement medal at Baltimore. One of the best Dahlias in our garden last year. Won many prizes since 1939. ....	Roots	.75	
<b>HARRY MAYER</b> or <b>BLUE MOON</b> (Dec.) A grand dahlia back on the market, color Pale Roselyn Purple, very much like Blue River a fine large garden flower worth more than the price. ....	Roots	.50	
<b>HUNT'S VELVET WONDER</b> (I. D.) Has the distinction of receiving a special award of merit at the New York Show. It is an excellent keeper for so huge a flower. Color is rich, bright violet burgundy which under some lights looks royal purple. ....	Roots	.75	
<b>JANE LAUSCHE</b> (S. C.) Bloom 10x5, bush 5-6 ft. An outstanding bi-color in a new color combination of soft mallow purple with white tips. Winner of many Achievement Medals. ....	Roots	1.00	
<b>JANE COWL</b> (Downs) (I. D.) An immense flower of buff; produced on long stiff stems. Won several medals. ....	Root	.35	
<b>JERSEY'S BEAUTY</b> (F. D.) Bloom 6x4, bush 6 1/2 ft. Probably the most popular of any dahlia, especially as a cut flower. The ideal pink for exhibition or florist use. ....	Root	.60	
<b>JERSEYS MELODY</b> (S. C.) We are much pleased to be back with you on this grand dahlia which is a member of the famous jersey family, color yellow base shaded to pink, wonderful for cutting a beautiful creation. ....	Roots while they last	.75	
<b>KING OF THE BLACKS</b> (D.) Positively the best black-red on the market today, bar none. Fine form, free blooming on long stems. ....	Root	.85	
<b>KENTUCKY</b> —Decorative. A wonderful new shade of creamy pink. Long stems, excellent cut flower, good keeper ....	Root	.75	
<b>LOIS WALCHER</b> (I. D.) Bloom 8x4, bush 5 ft. The color is a deep amaranth to pansy purple, with the outer one-third of petals a clear white. Stems are ideal, carrying the flower facing and well above the foliage. ....	Root	.75	

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## DAHLIA CULTURE

Space will not permit us to go over every detail in regard to soil. The fellow that tries this is taking quite a thing on his hands. Grow Dahlias where you would grow a good garden, this is all we have to offer.

DAHLIA STORAGE—This seems to be the big elephant on the hands of most growers. We suggest as follows, read carefully. Dig today and store today, not tomorrow. Do not allow to wilt under no consideration. As you dig, do not break necks, trim off all suckers and cut off the stalk as close as possible. Every inch of stalk is an inch of trouble. Avoid stem rot in this manner, store in barrels or boxes or large metal containers you can find at most any city dump. Cover all roots with peat moss, saw-dust or other material but our best suggestion is this, use old newspapers; wad these up and pack in just as snug as possible using all you possibly can. If you are a Flower Grower Reader, check this in their November issue. NOTE—The more parafine paper you can use the better. Such as bread wrappers, etc. Pack plenty snugly on top of the container or better still use Vermiculite.

ROOTED CUTTINGS—Plant in pots as soon as received from us. Not heavy soil and use no fertilizer to burn the tender roots. Grow as long as you can in a cold frame to harden off the same as you would any plant, such as tomatoes, etc., that you would secure from the greenhouse.

NOTE: See Other Side of This Circular

<b>LIDICE</b> (I. D.) Bloom 13x8, bush 6½ ft. A delicate cream yellow, shading to lemon yellow toward the center. It won the highest award given a seedling dahlia, at New York in 1942. It is an exceedingly fine grower. The long, strong stems hold the giant blooms high out of the foliage. ....	Root	.75
<b>MARGARET W. WILSON</b> (Sanhican 84A) Bloom 9x4, Bush 4½ ft. Creamy white with phlox pink shadings and on reverse. Profuse. ....	Root	.30
<b>MAFFIE</b> Bloom 12x6, bush 6 ft. Intense carmine of stupendous size. The tremendous size of this dahlia puts considerable strain on the stem. Bush growth is very rugged and foliage exceptionally heavy. ....	Root	1.00
<b>MARSHALL'S PINK</b> (F. D.) A very fine pink with rose center. Fine for cutting. ....	Root	.50
<b>MICHIGAN WHITE</b> (S. C.) One of the very best of the white cut-flower dahlias. The well formed flowers seem to "pop" out over night on long, strong stems. Substance of the flower is excellent, the flower keeping well when cut. Blooms are of medium size. ....	Root	.75
<b>MONARCH OF THE EAST</b> Bloom 11x5, bush 5 ft. A giant dahlia on sturdy tree-like bush. Has been grown as large as any. The color is light rich cadmium yellow with coral red shadings on reverse. ....	Root	.75
<b>MME. ELIZABETH SAWYER</b> (Holl 84B), Bloom 7 x 3, Bush 4 ft. Persian rose shading lighter. Very lovely prize winner. Fine branching habit and an early and profuse bloomer. Good for cutting. ....	Root	.75
<b>MRS. GEO. LE BOUTILLIER</b> (I. D.) A fine new addition to the giant red class. Just naturally a big flower which has won many friends during the past season. Not only a grand exhibition flower but one you will be proud of in your garden. ....	Root	.50
<b>MRS. E. J., (St. C.)</b> Clear, brilliant pink with white at centers and very lightly tipped white. Exceptionally good in our garden and field. Winner of three Certificates of Merit in 1945 as follows: Storrs with a score of 85; East Lansing, 85.3; Cincinnati, 85.8. On Eastern Honor Roll. ....	Roots	.50
<b>MRS. JAMES ALBIN</b> (Formal Decorative) A florist variety. Bloom 7x4. Color is clear yellow. We highly recommend this dahlia for cutting. Blooms fairly early and continues till frost. Stems long and strong, bushes very healthy and free branching. Very good. ....	Root	.60
<b>MRS. HESTER PAPE</b> (I. D.) 10x5 in. Reddish purple. The fine big blooms are unfailingly produced on nice stems. The big bushes, 5 ft. high, are well branched. This has been a big winner in shows over the country. ....	Roots	1.00
<b>MISS SAN DIEGO</b> (I. C.) Incurved luscinated cactus. Lemon yellow, outer half of bloom tyrian pink. Blooms 9x7 on long straight stems. Honor Roll dahlia and winner of Certificates of Merit. Won A.D.S. Achievement Medal. ....	Roots	1.00
<b>MRS. THOS. A. EDISON</b> (I. D.) A brilliant-flashing velvety red to carmine bloom of 10 to 12 inches across and good depth. Strong straight stems and a husky grower. ....	Roots	.60
<b>MONTEBELLO</b> (Robinson, 1943), I. D. A rich violet or orchid crimson, classed by some as purple red. Deep and full, back petals curl backward covering stem. Free bloomer, good keeper and fine stems. ....	Roots	.50
<b>NELLIE RETZER</b> (S. C.) A new 1951 creation, color bright Cerise. A fine dahlia flower. Large and stems of the best good grower. ....	Roots	1.00
<b>NEGUS</b> (F. D.) Oxblood red to almost black in center. Plants extremely robust, long stems, insect resisting. Try it on our recommendation. Good size blooms, held erect. ....	Roots	1.00
<b>NEW YORK MARKET</b> . (FD) Long Island introduction. Flowers of white shaded lavender are profusely borne on tall, strong stems. ....		.50
<b>ORFERO</b> (St. C.) Early bloomer of dark purple on stiff stems. The 8 inch blooms are fine keepers and good producers. ....		.75
<b>OGDEN REID</b> (Kelly-Parella, 1945) (F. D.) Spinel pink blended with rose pink and striping of promuline yellow, center deep rose. Very large blooms. 12½x6¼ inches and larger. Canelike stems up to 15 inches. Vigorous grower, good bloomer. ....	Roots	.75
<b>OSA-HELEN</b> (S.C.) Huge red, named after the wife of the late Martin Johnson, the big game hunter. Unquestionably outstanding for its brilliant American beauty color and dark green foliage, along the order of Maffie and other huge flowers, only a better grower and root maker. ....	Special Root	.75
<b>OYSTER BAY BEAUTY</b> (D.) Large oxblood red should be in every garden. Just one of the old ones that are good. Roots		.40
<b>PREMIER'S "WINSOME"</b> (I. D.) The most attractive pink I. D. since Kathleen Norris and easy to grow giving massive blooms in great abundance, will grow to 11x6 inches without any forcing, stems slender but very strong, heavy foliage that is resistant to insects and mildew. Certified at East Lansing with a score of 85.2. ....	Roots	.75
<b>PRINCE OF PERSIA</b> (Dec.) Large, bright red, a good grower and root maker. We are certainly glad to offer this grand dahlia to our customers at a very low price. ....	Roots	.60
<b>ROSE GLORY</b> (D.) Rose lavender in color, a very fine cut flower on long stems, very fine in every respect. ....	Roots each	.40
<b>SILVER LADY</b> (F. D.) White lightly edged and flushed with lavender. A fine open grower with fine stems. Very appealing to those who like pastel shades. Received certificate at Fairmount Trial Grounds in 1938, also listed in House Beautiful Futurity. ....	Roots	.75
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<b>THE CARDINAL</b> (S. C.) A beautiful spectrum red, one of the outstanding varieties of the year. Achievement medal winner and many other awards. 10 to 12 inch blooms on good stems. ....	Roots	1.00
<b>THE REAL GLORY</b> (F. D.) Bloom 10 x 5 inches. An excellent new crisp white formal. It has performed very well during the last year and is highly recommended. This one will have to be reckoned with on the show table. Excellent keeping qualities. ....	Roots	1.00
<b>THOMAS A. EDISON</b> (Dahl 85B), ML, Bloom 8x4½, Bush 4 ft. Impressive blooms of staghorn petal formation. Royal purple or petunia violet. Stems and bush grow strong. Grows rather slowly and appreciates extra culture and fertilization. Many awards. ....	Root	.75
<b>TOPS</b> (S.C.) A real giant on the exhibition tables. The massive blooms of bright clear yellow are a sensation to behold. Stems are very good. Has won many awards as the best and largest bloom in the show. A real buy. ....	Roots	1.00
<b>VICTORY</b> Bloom 10x6, bush 4½ ft. Rose pink suffused gold. Here is a real knockout for sheer beauty. Flowers keep well and stem and bush growth excellent. Probably the most beautiful pink Formal Decorative to date. ....	Root	.75
<b>WM. H. HOGAN</b> —Formal Decorative. An outstanding red tipped white flower. ....	Root	.50
<b>WHITE WONDER</b> (S. C.) A Wonderful White Large and a 6-foot grower. This is a very good one and should be grown in every garden. ....	Roots	.65

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<b>CHARLOTTE CALDWELL</b> (Ball) Bright orange with shadings of terra cotta. It has wonderful foliage and vigorous growth. Always a winner. ....	Root	.50
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<b>GLORY-DE-FRANCE</b> (Ball) A dandy growing ball dahlia, yellow mixed with red. Very fine and striking dahlia in every way. Roots .....		.30
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## MINIATURE DAHLIAS

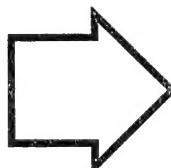
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<b>CARLA</b> (Dahliadel 83C, 1934). Color is buff, heavily shaded old rose and suffused violet rose, a rich contrast to the dark green foliage. Ideal in the garden and for arrangements. ....	Root	.40
<b>DIANA JEAN</b> (Min.) Color a bright lemon yellow. One you should have in your small dahlia collection. ....Roots		.50
<b>IKE</b> Bloom 3½x5x2. A beautiful blood red Miniature that is fine for cutting. Described as having many tight, overlapping petals, each with lacinated tips. Has fine tight centers, and is a profuse bloomer. ....Root		.50
<b>LITTLE SHEIK.</b> A new miniature red with stripes of white running through the petals. A new novelty that is taking the dahlia world by storm. A low grower for borders. ....Roots		.50
<b>ORCHID LADY</b> (1935), F. D. Here is a little champion. The color is orchid pink. It is a wonderful little dahlia all the way round. ....Root		.40
<b>SPRINGHILL ROSE</b> (F. D.) A beautiful rose red, 2 to 3-inch blooms held on long stiff stems and a prolific bloomer. Fine for florist work. ....Root		.30
<b>WHITE FAWN</b> (F. D.) Waxy white, 3 inch bloom. Excellent substance. An extremely abundant bloomer. One of the best cut flowers. Dark glossy foliage on low compact bush. On three honor rolls. Certificates of merit at Storrs and Ohio. Root		.30
<b>BUCKEYE BABY</b> This fine miniature is really small and deep and while the bushes are dwarf, the stems are fine for cutting. Color, gold buff lightly shaded red on the reverse. ....Root		.50

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<b>LITTLE HERMAN</b> (Pom pom). Red blotched white, very popular. ....Roots	.35
<b>MARY MUNNS</b> (Bolsa 85), M, Bloom 1½, Bush 2½ ft. One of the best in phlox or mallow purple. Good for exhibition or cutting. ....Root	.35
<b>MORNING MIST</b> —Bloom 1½, bush 3½ ft. A fine cut flower with long stems. Color, white tipped lavender and rosy lavender at center. Some flowers a little large but very popular. ....Root	.40
<b>ROSALIE.</b> White suffused pansy purple. ....Root	.40
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